

Taking the Alcohol Industry to Court

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Introduction

- My son Leigh aged 15 years.
- A few weeks after this photo was taken he was dead.
- Hypothermia in a setting of intoxication by alcohol.
- BAC 0.17 g/100 ml.
- Imitation Vodka Essence.
- 76.4% alcohol by volume.
- 375 ml bottle (approx 22 standard drinks).
- Price \$5.00.
- Supplied in a private home.

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Why pick a fight?

- Justice.
- Revenge.
- Compensation.
- Public interest.
- Varying motivation.

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Who do we fight?

- Mrs. x who bought the essence.
- The kids at the house who gave it to Leigh.
- The manufacturer who made the stuff.
- The governments, Federal and State that allowed this rocket fuel on the shelves.

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How do we fight?

- Go see a lawyer.
 - Select lawyer with care.
 - Get second or third opinion.
 - Obtain a written cost agreement.
 - Obtain written estimate of length of proceedings and steps involved.
 - Obtain written summary of possible outcomes (negative and positive).
 - Strengths and weaknesses of the case.

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Go home and think

- You cannot claim damages for the death of a child.
- You can claim only harm to yourself or loss of income.
- Everything is reduced to \$\$\$\$\$\$.
- You are fighting an insurance company (big money).
- Even if you win you may not receive any money.
- If you lose you could lose everything.

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Was it worth it?

- Stress.
- Health.
- Financially.
- Morally.

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